

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 8
SECOND QUARTER 2002
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison
Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 8 during second quarter 2002 was 116,104, an increase of 2.1% from the first quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.3% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 17 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 17.0% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, second quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 73. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 8 with 19,568 employees, or 16.9% of total employment. Ouachita was the leading parish with 73,165 employees, or 63.0% of total employment.

Total wages increased 5.8% from second quarter 2002, and increased 4.5% from the same period in 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$493.88. Ouachita parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$533.46.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 8 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 8" beginning on page 76.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Caldwell	\$ 410.18
East Carroll	376.53
Franklin	387.90
Jackson	525.05
Madison	407.35
Morehouse	492.00
Ouachita	533.46
Richland	406.22
Tensas	383.73
Union	402.03
West Carroll	373.67

The number of reporting units in RLMA 8 for second quarter 2002 was 7,780.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

